

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
APRIL 11, 2023**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Aaron Williams, Jennifer Hostetter, Kenneth Hedge, Marcia Wilhoite arrived at 8:45am, and John Riner.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked to table the March 14, 2023 Council minutes till May 9th, 2023. Councilwoman Nieshalla made a motion to Table. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Councilwoman Nieshalla amended the agenda and moved some things around. Councilwoman Nieshalla made a motion to amend agenda. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Baker and Judge Kincaid had a discussion. Judge Baker said personnel is unparalleled, there are great people who work here. He spoke very highly of transport, lawyers, maintenance staff. Wages and working environment is maintained to keep employees. Thank you to Jennifer Hostetter that filled in for Judge Baker as ProTem. Judge Kincaid thanked Judge Baker for filling in for him during his leave. Judge Kincaid is ready to resume his duty.

Councilwoman Nieshalla stated that the ICCA Summer Conference, June 23-24, 2023, new laws for public health and safety.

SALARY AMENDMENT

Clerk Lisa Bruder wanted to amend for election time that \$37/hr for Election Day only for staff. Special job code for that day. Commissioners need to make a policy to change in handbook. The Commissioners will do that in their Monday April 17, 2023 meeting. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Hedge seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Prosecutor Kent Eastwood wanted to amend the Office Manager position wanting to increase pay. He will be paying the \$7500 out of the Prosecutor Deferral Fund. Councilwoman Wilhoite made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 5-2.

Prosecutor Eastwood stated that he has lost 2 employees for more pay, he is wanting to eliminate 1 position and spread funds to other prosecutors. Councilman Riner made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Crum gave an update on the ARP funds. County received the second round of monies in from State.

ARP Project List Update and Appropriation Request is for Highway Bridge 21 for \$225,000, it was added to the Commissioners Project List and need to appropriate the money up into line. Councilman Hedge made a motion to approve. Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Councilwoman Wilhoite stated for the Budget Workshop after the June council meeting is for requests of additional staff and large projects for 2024. Auditor Crum will send an email to see who wants to present at the June Budget Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Nieshalla stated that Diana Hubbard is here to listen and help if needed, she is with Jim Baird’s office.

Councilwoman Nieshalla stated that there will be a TCP meeting on April 17, 2023 at 1:30pm.

Councilman Hedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date